

JMC, 2015 WL 854927, at *9-10 (D.S.C. Feb. 27, 2015) (denying joinder of seventy *pro se* prisoners).

While it does not appear that the Fourth Circuit has ruled on the issue of whether multiple prisoners are allowed to join in one habeas action, the claims in this Petition “will require individualized findings” and “individualized determinations” for each Petitioner. Williams, 2014 WL 2155251 at *11. **Accordingly, the court concludes that the claims of the five Petitioners in the instant action should be separated for initial review.**

TO THE CLERK OF COURT:

The captioned case shall pertain only to the first named Petitioner, Robert L. Sisk. Therefore, the Clerk of Court is directed to terminate Bradley Shane Sheppard, Benjamin Wright, Gregory Lynn Sitz, and Victor Wilkes as Petitioners in the above-referenced case. The Clerk of Court is further directed to assign separate civil action numbers to Petitioners Sheppard, Wright, Sitz, and Wilkes. The Clerk of Court shall file this order as the initial docket entry in the newly created cases, and shall re-file the instant Petition as the second docket entry in the newly created actions. The Respondent in the newly created cases will be the same Respondent listed in the captioned case. The Clerk of Court is authorized to determine the most efficient way and time for assigning and entering the new case numbers, party information, and pleading information on the court’s electronic case management system.

After the new cases are docketed, the assigned Magistrate Judge is authorized to issue orders pursuant to the General Order issued in In Re: Procedures in Civil Actions Filed by Prisoner Pro Se Litigants, 3:07-mc-5014-JFA (D.S.C. Sept. 18, 2007), and conduct initial reviews in compliance

with the Rules Governing § 2254 Cases, which are made applicable to § 2241 habeas actions under Rule 1(b).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/ Margaret B. Seymour
Senior United States District Judge

Columbia, South Carolina

August 5, 2015